

The Catholic Church of the  
**Immaculate Conception**

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**MAY 28, 2017**

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**Parish Office Hours**

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm  
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass:** Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am

**First Friday Mass & Devotion:** 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM, 5:15 P.M.

**Holy Day Masses:** 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

**Penance:** For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM. For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

**Baptisms & RCIA:** *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at [rfitzmor@sdcatholic.org](mailto:rfitzmor@sdcatholic.org).

**Weddings:** By appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

**Funerals:** *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



**History of Immaculate Conception Parish**

It was here in Old Town that Saint Junípero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

## WE PRAY

### MASS INTENTIONS

29	8 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> †Martin Morris	RP
30	8AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> †Joseph Gonsalves	RE
31	8 AM	<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gregory Dire, SI	RP
01	8 AM	<i>St. Justin</i> Margaret & Gerard Chadwick SI	RP
02	8 AM	<i>Ss. Marcellinus and Peter</i> Pablo & Clarita Graham, SI	RP
03	8:00 AM	<i>St. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i> †Martin Morris	RP
	5:15 PM	†Eva Estrada	RP
04	8:30 AM	Shantal & Jorge Pintor, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	Demarise McCorkle, SI	RP
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RP
	5:15 PM	Rev. Paul Catena, SI	RP

### APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

#### JUNE: Intentions of the Holy Father

**National Leaders:** That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

### PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

2nd	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
1st	Josue Jiménez, Mt. Angel Seminary OR
3rd	Oscar Lopez, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
4th	Nathan McWeeney, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Raymond Napuli, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Michael O'Connor, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
3rd	Eric Tamayo, North American College, Rome
4th	Dcn. Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
PY	Antonio Morales, PY

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

29	Rev. Michael Booth
30	Rev. Peter Bosque
31	Rev. Burt Boudoin
01	Pope Francis
02	Bishop Robert McElroy
03	Bishop Robert Brom
04	Bishop Gilbert Chavez

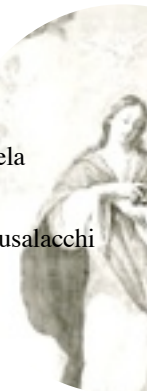
### PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-21; Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-11; Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-20; Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-31; Ps 11:4-7; Jn 21:20-25  
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24-34; 1 Cor 12:3-13; Jn 20:19-23

### PRAY FOR HEALING

*Jesus we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill afraid or worried. Amen*

Mary Jane Tiernan	Lucille Miller
Marguerite Vorst	Reginald Custodio
Martha Zamudio	Victoria Cardenas
Tony Jenkins	John Hobbs
Peter Nalwalker	Robert Rolli
Socorro Pacheco	Eleanor Anderson
Amparo Valenzuela	Marie Whitman
Phyllis Altomare	Deirdre Rigney
Alicia Ambrose	Marie Wagner
Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi	Joanne Daleo
Maria Casanova	Dominic Castagnola
Mark Brandon	Arthur Acuna, Jr.
Joane Anderson	Frankie Diaz, Jr.
Yolanda Garcia	Earl Jenkins
Olivia Ingram	Shirley Ilog
Grace Mulvanity	
Angelica Ortega	Deena Marchiano
Barbara Driscoll	Gregory Dire



### PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

*Jesus protect all who serve our country.*

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander	Sgt. Adriana Matizel
Natalie Augustine	Wendell Miculob
Major Jerry Bloomquist	LTJG Joe F. Moralez,USN
Col. Mike Bodkin	LCPL Matthew A. Pena
Danny Carpenter, USMC	Sgt. Richard Pierce
LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN	Sgt. William Paul Powers and Cinco
Cpl. Samuel James Comer	CPL Wilson Santiago
Daniel Dinglebeck, USN	Alfred Tello
PFC David Eley, USMC	Ricky Thibeault
Micah Emery	Tony Tulloss
Sgt. Christopher Escalona	PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd
1Lt. Cortez Fabia	Marine Aircraft Wing.
Juan Carlos Galazza	SCPO Desiree S. Hayes,
SSGT. Vincent Charles	USN
Lucario	Gil Perez, US Navy
Robert Clinton Long, MC2	Scott Walker, US Navy

### † PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED †

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.*

Daniel Don	Inez Cerda Bull
Florence Messina	Bernice Lyons
Arthur Wilbur Martinez	Elias Barajas
Jesse Benitez	Robert F. Curry, Jr.
Margaret Kelly	Jean Miller
Martha Jane Hotchkiss	Marie Rita Dubler
Janet Meyers	Gerry Lyons
Hector Morales	Wilbur J.R. Monigold
Carol Raiter	James Sonny Martinez
Albina Farrie	Christopher Mahan
Stephanie Anzelone	Evelyn Quinn
Fred Levine	Alfonso Esquivel
Eleanor Maycan	Esther Salazar
Ronald Monreal	John O'Brien
Mary Louise Fillet	Jeanne Pontius
	Max Christian

*Saint Augustine, bishop*

**No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven**

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.

— *Saint Bonaventure, bishop*


**HE WHO KNOWS JESUS CHRIST CAN UNDERSTAND ALL SACRED SCRIPTURE**

The source of sacred Scripture was not human research but divine revelation. This revelation comes from the *Father of Light from whom the whole concept of fatherhood in heaven and on earth derives.* From him, through Jesus Christ his Son, the Holy Spirit enters into us. Then, through the Holy Spirit who allots and apportions his gifts to each person as he wishes, we receive the gift of faith, and through faith Christ lives in our hearts. So we come to know Christ and this knowledge becomes the main source of a firm understanding of the truth of all sacred Scripture. It is impossible, therefore, for anyone to achieve this understanding unless he first received the gift of faith in Christ. This faith is the firm basis of all supernatural enlightenment, the light guiding us to it, and the doorway through which we enter upon it. What is more, the extent of our faith is the measure of the wisdom which God has given us. Thus, *no one should overestimate his wisdom; instead, he should soberly make his assessment according to the extent of the faith which God has given him.*

The outcome or the fruit of reading holy Scripture is by no means negligible: it is the fullness of eternal happiness. For these are the books which tell us of eternal life, which were written not only that we might believe but also that we might have everlasting life. When we do live that life we shall understand fully, we shall love completely, and our desires will be totally satisfied. Then, with all our needs fulfilled, we shall truly know *the love that surpasses understanding and so be filled with the fullness of God.* The purpose of the Scriptures, which come to us from God, is to lead us to this fullness according to the truths contained in those sayings of the Apostles to which I have referred. In order to achieve this, we must study holy Scripture carefully, and teach it and listen to it in the same way.

If we are to attain the ultimate goal of eternal happiness by the path of virtue described in the Scriptures, we have to begin at the very beginning. We must come with a pure faith to the Father of Light and acknowledge him in our hearts. We must ask him to give us, through his Son and in the Holy Spirit, a true knowledge of Jesus Christ, and along with that knowledge a love of him. Knowing and loving him in this way, confirmed in our faith and grounded in our love, we can know *the length and breadth and height and depth* of his sacred Scripture. Through that knowledge we can come at last to know perfectly and love completely the most blessed Trinity, whom the saints desire to know and love and in whom all that is good and true finds its meaning and fulfillment.

**AROUND THE PARISH**



**2017 Baptism Schedule**

Class	June 6
Baptism	June 11

Class is held in Serra Hall.

**28 MAY ... Family Catechesis ...**

...for parents with their children 6 years and older and for adults who need sacraments continues on May 28 in the parish hall, 9:45 am sharp, after 8:30 Mass.

**29 MAY - MEMORIAL DAY**

In observance of the holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29. Serra Gifts will be open.

**18 JUNE - FATHER'S DAY ...**

**The Novena for Fathers will begin Sunday, June 18 and end Monday, June 26**

Remember your father and/or the person who filled that role in your life with a novena. Envelopes for Father's Day intentions may be dropped in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office or gift shop.

**I.C. SENIORS ...** Donations of small new items are welcome for the monthly bingo game. They may be dropped off at the parish office or at Serra Gifts. Or bring one with you to our next meeting and join the fun.

**RETROUVAILLE™**

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again.

Get help now. Call: 951-259-9474 or Spanish program call 619-423-0182.

**Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines**  
 September 18-30, 2017  
 with Rev. Kevin Duggan

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You are cordially invited to a celebration of

The 25th Anniversary of Ordination of  
**Rev. Richard L. Perozich**

June 24, 2017  
 Immaculate Conception Church

Mass of Thanksgiving 10:00 a.m.

**Seating for the reception is at capacity.**

**Immaculate Heart Radio** 

1000 AM or listen online at [www.ihradio.com](http://www.ihradio.com)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a positive and personal experience for a couple, which offers them a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. The weekend is a positive, simple, common sense experience between a husband and wife that revitalizes marriage.

June 23, 2017 -- Location TBD  
 September 22, 2017 -- San Diego, CA  
 November 10, 2017 -- San Diego, CA

For info, call Nick and Jen Rivette 760-659-9102, or go to <http://www.wwme-sandiego.org/>

The **Prayer Chain Ministry** has been established in our parish. Our intention is to mobilize our parish community to pray for someone who has suddenly become ill, is going in for surgery, has a personal emergency or special needs they would like kept in prayer. Please contact Ruthe Jenkins if you are in need of prayers or if you are interested in being part of this powerful ministry on either the contact team or as part of the prayer chain. Email: [rutheis@cox.net](mailto:rutheis@cox.net) or phone 619-981-1424.

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Gifts of Treasure**

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord.

**May 21, 2017**

**Total Collection: \$3,995.38**  
**Envelopes: \$3,046.00 Plate: \$949.38,**  
**Total contributing households: 86**

5:15 Sat	\$ 612.00
8:30 Sun	\$ 764.75
10:00 Sun	\$1073.85
11:30 Sun	\$ 629.78
5:15 Sun	\$ 340.00
Mailed	\$ 575.00

**National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: \$175.00**

**EXPENSES**

May 15-19, 2017

Dues/Subscription	\$180.0
Gas & Electric	\$813.66
Music	\$625.00
Priests Pension	\$791.55
Property Insurance	\$1193.91
Workers Comp.	\$813.19

**Total: \$4,417.31**

**Annual Catholic Appeal**  
**Goal: \$24,000**  
**Paid Pledges-ytd: \$9,808.00**

Serra Gifts...

**Street Level of Fr. Serra Hall**  
**619-297-3426**



Open 7 days a week  
 Monday - Friday 9:30 -4:00  
 Saturday 10:00 to 4:00  
 Sunday 9:30 to 3:00

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

Wedding Gifts  
 Gregorian Chants (CD's)

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS:**

The Mass for Children  
 The Life of Mary

**Se habla español.**

Libros y tarjetas para adultos y niños.

**AMORIS LAETITIA**

**ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS**

*Love is not irritable or resentful*

103.If the first word of Paul's hymn spoke of the need for a patience that does not immediately react harshly to the weaknesses and faults of others, the word he uses next – *paroxýnetai* – has to do more with an interior indignation provoked by something from without. It refers to a violent reaction within, a hidden irritation that sets us on edge where others are concerned, as if they were troublesome or threatening and thus to be avoided. To nurture such interior hostility helps no one. It only causes hurt and alienation. Indignation is only healthy when it makes us react to a grave injustice; when it permeates our attitude towards others it is harmful.

104. The Gospel tells us to look to the log in our own eye (cf. *Mt 7:5*). Christians cannot ignore the persistent admonition of God's word not to nurture anger: "Do not be overcome by evil" (*Rm 12:21*). "Let us not grow weary in doing good" (*Gal 6:9*). It is one thing to sense a sudden surge of hostility and another to give into it, letting it take root in our hearts: "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger" (*Eph 4:26*). My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. "And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family".Our first reaction when we are annoyed should be one of heartfelt blessing, asking God to bless, free and heal that person. "On the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing" (*1 Pet 3:9*). If we must fight evil, so be it; but we must always say "no" to violence in the home.

**WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!**

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_



**PARISH & COMMUNITY**

**Parish Calendar**

**MAY**

- 28 Building Fund Collection  
Family Catechesis 9:45 AM
- 29 Memorial Day  
Parish Office Closed; Gift Shop Open
- 31 Choir Practice 6:00 PM  
Neo-Catechetical Group 7:00 PM

**JUNE**

- 03 Quilting Group 9:30 AM  
Neo-Catechetical Group 6:30 PM
- 05 I. C. Seniors Bingo & Lunch 11:00 AM
- 07 Choir Practice 6:00 PM  
Neo-Catechetical Group 7:00 PM
- 10 Quilting Group 9:30 AM  
Neo-Catechetical Group 6:30 PM
- 11 Parish Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM
- 14 Choir Practice 6:00 PM  
Neo-Catechetical Group 7:00 PM

**FROM FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO**  
- Pope John Paul II 1981

**ON THE ROLE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY IN  
THE MODERN WORLD 1981**

**THE PLAN OF GOD FOR MARRIAGE AND  
THE FAMILY**

Thus the Church condemns as a grave offense against human dignity and justice all those activities of governments or other public authorities which attempt to limit in any way the freedom of couples in deciding about children. Consequently, any violence applied by such authorities in favor of contraception or, still worse, of sterilization and procured abortion, must be altogether condemned and forcefully rejected. Likewise to be denounced as gravely unjust are cases where, in international relations, economic help given for the advancement of peoples is made conditional on programs of contraception, sterilization and procured abortion.

**That God's Design May Be Ever More Completely Fulfilled**

31. The Church is certainly aware of the many complex problems which couples in many countries face today in their task of transmitting life in a responsible way. She also recognizes the serious problem of population growth in the form it has taken in many parts of the world and its moral implications.

However, she holds that consideration in depth of all the aspects of these problems offers a new and stronger confirmation of the importance of the authentic teaching on birth regulation repropounded in the Second Vatican Council and in the Encyclical *Humanae vitae*.



Immaculate Conception Parish

“I have come so that they may have life, and have it in full” (Jn.10:10)

COME AND LISTEN!

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Parish Hall

**MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR TIMES**

*His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke*

Secondly, “they turn their attention to the faithful believers who are a standing rebuke to the godless.” The text of the *Book of Wisdom* reads:

*As for the virtuous man who is poor, let us oppress him; let us not spare the widow, nor respect old age, white-haired with many years. Let our strength be the yardstick of virtue, since weakness argues its own futility. Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us, and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.”*

“We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst.”—*C.S. Lewis*

“An empty head is not really empty; it is stuffed with rubbish. Hence the difficulty of forcing anything into an empty head.” — *Eric Hoffer*

Education... has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.  
*G. M. Trevelyan*

*St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop*

### THE LIVING WATER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The water I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water, welling up into eternal life. This is a new kind of water, a living, leaping water, welling up for those who are worthy. But why did Christ call the grace of the Spirit water? Because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. It does not come down, now as one thing, now as another, but while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it.

In the same way the Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each man as he wills. Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. Although the Spirit never changes, the effects of his action, by the will of God and in the name of Christ, are both many and marvelous.

The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit himself is always the same. In each person, Scripture says, the Spirit reveals his presence in a particular way for the common good.

The Spirit comes gently and makes himself known by his fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for he is light, very light. Rays of light and knowledge stream before him as he approaches. The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console. The Spirit comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives him, and then, through him, the minds of others as well.

As light strikes the eyes of a man who comes out of darkness into the sunshine and enables him to see clearly things he could not discern before, so light floods the soul of the man counted worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit and enables him to see things beyond the range of human vision, things hitherto undreamed of.

*Saint Basil the Great, bishop*

### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The titles given to the Holy Spirit must surely stir the soul of anyone who hears them, and make him realize that they speak of nothing less than the supreme Being. Is he not called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, the steadfast Spirit, the guiding Spirit? But his principal and most personal title is the Holy Spirit.

To the Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification; all living things seek him according to their ability. His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end.

The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and he offers his own light to every mind to help it in its search for truth. By nature the Spirit is beyond the reach of our mind, but we can know him by his goodness. The power of the Spirit fills the whole universe, but he gives himself only to those who are worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith.

Simple in himself, the Spirit is manifold in his mighty works. The whole of his being is present to each individual; the whole of his being is present everywhere. Though shared in by many, he remains unchanged; his self giving is no loss to himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth his grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusively to everyone who can receive him. To all creatures that share in him he gives a delight limited only by their own nature, not by his ability to give.

The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with himself.

As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shine with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit, become spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others.

From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture, and other special gifts. Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations – we become God.